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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/940,050 Confirmation No. 4449

Applicant : Reinhard Hamperl et al.

Filed : August 27, 2001

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Examiner : Lee S. Lum

Title: : Device and Method for Sensing an Object or a Person in the Interior of a Vehicle and Vehicle Occupant Protection Apparatus in a Vehicle with such a Device

Docket No. : GR 99 P 1289 P

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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